

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, replaces the former sheet. Items 16 and 18 are added to Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 21-34 are pending in this application.

The Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to for allegedly not showing the first and second locking units of the front and rear assemblies. However, locking units 16 and 18 are identified in Fig. 1 and described at page 4, first paragraph, of the specification (paragraph [0015] of the corresponding publication of this application US Pub. No. 2004/0265105). Nevertheless, a Replacement Sheet is attached hereto with locking units 16 and 18 added to Fig. 2 in schematic presentation. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-6 and 21-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,631,999 ("Walerowski").

Claims 1, 4, 31 and 32 are amended herein. Claims 1 and 4 recite that the system for the transportation of construction machines further includes an intermediate loading platform which is connectable to the rear end of the front assembly and the front end of the rear assembly for being positioned therebetween. Claim 31 is amended to recite that the front and rear subassemblies have means for connection to an intermediate loading platform positioned therebetween, and, as optional steps, providing the intermediate loading platform, connecting the

intermediate loading platform to the front and rear subassemblies and transporting the intermediate loading platform. Claim 32 positively recites that the front and rear assemblies are connected to the intermediate loading platform and not the construction machine. Support for these recitations can be found in the drawings and throughout the specification.

Walerowski is directed to a transporting device for containers and discloses two carriage units each having a supporting frame which is connectable to the ends of a container to be transported. The supporting frame is vertically adjustable.

In contrast to the Walerowski device, what is claimed herein is a system for transportation which possesses more flexibility in terms of its functioning. More particularly, the system claimed herein includes at least one intermediate loading platform. The loading platform can be a high bed loading platform (see, item 32, Figs. 3a, 3c, 3e) or a low bed loading platform (item 34, Figs. 3b, 3d, 3f). The integrated system permits interchangeability so as to transport a load with or without a loading platform as required, or to use a high bed or low bed loading platform in accordance with the type of cargo being transported. Walerowski neither discloses nor suggests such an integrated and flexible system for transporting cargo. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims herein are allowable over the cited reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The New Claims

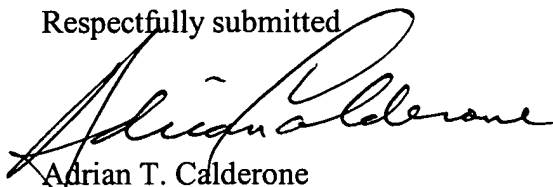
New claims 33 and 34 depend from claims 1 and 4, respectively, and recite that the system of the invention includes both high bed and low bed loading platforms. These loading

platforms can be used interchangeably as described in the specification and provide the system with more practical flexibility for transporting cargo.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above all of the pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance, the same being respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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